

WOMAN - TO - WOMAN MENTORING

OUR MENTOR - THE HOLY SPIRIT

Opening Devotion

Reading: John 15:26-27 *“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about Me. And you also will bear witness because you have been with Me from the beginning.”*

Devotion: In Greek mythology, Mentor was a friend of Odysseus in Homer’s epic poem, *The Odyssey*. Odysseus was leaving for Troy so he entrusted the education of his son to his good friend, Mentor. When Jesus left this earth, he sent the disciples a “mentor” – the Holy Spirit – the Counselor. The dictionary defines a mentor as “a wise and trusted monitor or counselor.” The Holy Spirit’s work fits well with the idea of mentoring. As God, He is perfectly wise and trustworthy in His counsel. He is the Spirit of Truth. He guides us into all truth – the truth of God. There is nothing false or deceiving in His mentoring. It all comes from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is the One who inspired the writers of Holy Scripture.

The Counselor testifies about Jesus, as the Object of our faith. He convicts the world of guilt in regard to sin, righteousness and judgment. He shows the demands of God’s Law and our total inability to live up to those demands. He points us to a need of the Savior whose righteousness fulfills the demands for us. What a mentor God has given us!

Jesus, however, also said to His disciples, *“You also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning”* (John 15:27). Jesus’ disciples were to be mentors for others. As His disciples in this age, we have the truth of God’s Word, for use in our lives and to share with those around us. The Spirit melts us and molds us. He fills us and uses us to reach out with the truth of the Gospel ... to counsel others in the truth. God bless our mentoring as the Holy Spirit, our Counselor and Mentor guides us into all truth so that we can, in turn, guide others to that truth.

Prayer: Lord, God, You have called us to testify of You. You have given us Your Spirit who guides us in the truth. Make us wise – mold us and fill us so that we bring glory to Your name to those we reach out to on your behalf. Let lives be changed by the life-giving Gospel that we share. In Christ’s name, Amen.